



Winchester District  
United Methodist  
Church

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District Superintendent

# *NEWS FROM...* THE CORE OF THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT



**July/August 2008**

## ***APPOINTMENT CHANGES ON THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT***

| <i>Appointment</i>                                | <i>New Pastor</i>    | <i>Coming from...</i>                               | <i>Previous Pastor</i>     | <i>Going to...</i>                             |
|---|----------------------|---|----------------------------|--|
| Cool Spring Charge                                | Janet Martin         | First Appointment                                   | Frank S. Crim              | Retiring                                       |
| Marshall  | David J. Greenawalt  | Missionary in Hungary                               | Douglas Stewart            | Retiring                                       |
| Marshall Associate                                | Discontinued         | N/A   | Sydney E. Stewart          | Retiring                                       |
| Brucetown<br>(formerly Brucetown-Welltown Charge) | J. Robert Schoeman   | Belle Haven-Bethel Charge<br>Eastern Shore District | C. Marc Roberson           | Welltown                                       |
| Cedar Grove Charge                                | Kathleen A. Work     | Rapidan Charge<br>Charlottesville District          | James L. Johnson           | St. Mark's<br>Alexandria District              |
| Mount Bethel View                                 | Daniel G. Spaugh     | Phoebus UMC<br>Peninsula District                   | Sandra A. Nottingham       | Lovettsville Charge<br>Winchester District     |
| Stephens City                                     | J. Jeffrey Butcher   | Otterbein UMC<br>Harrisonburg District              | Stephanie M. Sault         | Central (Staunton)<br>Staunton District        |
| Welltown<br>(formerly Brucetown-Welltown Charge)  | C. Marc Roberson     | Brucetown-Welltown Charge                           | N/A                        | N/A  |
| Leesburg Associate                                | Martha L. Spigener   | Marsh Memorial<br>Lynchburg District                | Catharine Tidball<br>Guest | Standardsville<br>Charlottesville District     |
| Lovettsville Charge                               | Sandra A. Nottingham | Mount Bethel View<br>Winchester District            | Gay Lynn Tonelli           | Greene Charge<br>Charlottesville District      |
| Middleburg  | Vickie R. Seibert    | St. Mark's<br>Alexandria District                   | Lawrence A. Erbin          | Shiloh<br>Ashland District                     |
| Mt. Olivet<br>(formerly on Short Hill Charge)     | Lee J. Crosby        | Short Hill Charge<br>Winchester District            | N/A                        | N/A  |
| Short Hill Charge<br>(Ebenezer/Hillsboro)         | Philip Brumback      | First Appointment                                   | Lee J. Crosby              | Mt. Olivet<br>Winchester District              |
| John Wesley                                       | Kent L. Jeter        | Retired Pastor<br>Harrisonburg District             | Melbourne H. Bailey        | Galloway<br>Arlington District                 |
| Reliance-Ridings Chapel                           | Timothy E. Teates    | Edinburg Charge<br>Harrisonburg District            | Sharon L. Forbes           | Little Fork Charge<br>Charlottesville District |

## ***APPOINTMENT CHANGES continued***

| <i>Appointment</i> | <i>New Pastor</i>     | <i>Coming from...</i>           | <i>Previous Pastor</i>   | <i>Going to...</i>                    |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Riverton           | J. Michael Derflinger | Magnolia<br>Portsmouth District | Ronald V. Mills          | Retiring                              |
| John Mann          | James E. Page, Jr.    | First Appointment               | Carroll C. Carter        | Chesapeake Avenue<br>Norfolk District |
| Market Street      | Clyde T. Nelson       | Galloway<br>Arlington District  | Jean McDonald-<br>Walker | Retiring                              |

### ***A word from the District Superintendent...***

*(Submitted by Rev. Tony Layman in David's absence)*

Prepare the Way of the Lord  
Matthew 3:3

Five hundred and forty years before the birth of Christ, Second Isaiah delivered good news to those who were in exile. The word spoken was deliverance and a new exodus. Those who had been punished for their disobedience to God's law had paid double for their disobedience. Now, God was releasing them. Their release was to be secured through Cyrus the King who was King of Persia that is modern day Iran.

Cyrus was not only going to set them free. He wrote an edict that asked the nations to assist the Jews in their journey through the desert and toward the rebuilding of the walls, the city and the temple in Jerusalem.

The good news from this century was that God is active in history and that God loves those whom God has chosen. It is good news not only for them but also for us.

Moving into the time of our text, John the Baptist as the prophet is calling the people to repentance in order to prepare their lives for the one who is to come. In fulfilling this role John is the new Elijah who is to precede the coming of the Messiah. This time the deliverance is not through the desert, not toward Jerusalem, but is instead directed toward the heart of the individuals.

Will our hearts reveal God's living in us, as we are compassionate, honest and concerned about justice during this summer as Christ continues to live through us?

Yours in Christ,  
Tony Layman

### **School of Christian Mission**

The 2008 *School of Christian Mission* will be held July 25-27 (weekend), and July 28-31 (weekdays) at Blackstone. Sponsored by the conference Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Women, the annual school is for anyone who has a passion and love for mission. This year's theme is "Living the Sacred."

The guest lecturer will be the Rev. Larry Jent, a Native American storyteller and pastor of Amelon UMC in the Lynchburg District. The school will feature three studies: "Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival," "Israel and Palestine," and "I Believe in Jesus." Classes are available for men, women, youth, children and families. There is also a weekend-only class in Korean for the "I Believe in Jesus" study.

Register early to receive your class choice. Deadline to register is July 14. For more information and to register visit [www.vaumw.org](http://www.vaumw.org).



### **Abram's Delight Needs Part-time Docent**

Are you looking for an opportunity to get out of the house and promote history at the same time? Abram's Delight on Pleasant Valley Rd. in Winchester has just that opportunity. They are looking for a docent to work on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. If interested, call Sherry at 662-6519.

**WINCHESTER DISTRICT  
MINI SCHOOL OF MISSIONS**

September 27, 2008

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Stephens City UMC

- 9:00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE  
9:30 - 10:00 PLENARY: Karen Sandoval  
10:00 - 12:30 1ST HALF OF CLASS  
12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH w/ John & Mary Lock  
1:30 - 4:00 2ND HALF OF CLASS; DISMISSAL

CEU applied for. Men and women, pastors and lay are encouraged to attend!

**CLASSES**

1. Spiritual Growth Study: *I Believe in Jesus*  
Instructor: Bob May
2. Geographic Study: *Israel/Palestine*  
Instructor: Thomas James
3. Issue Study: *Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival*  
Instructor: Karen Sandoval

\$10.00 - Cost of class includes lunch.

(Study books will be available for purchase at registration; cost of book not included above.)

PLEASE REGISTER by September 20.

NURSERY PROVIDED at no charge. Please pre-register at least one week in advance with the number of children for nursery in order for enough supervision to be provided.

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**REGISTRATION FOR MINI SCHOOL OF MISSIONS**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS SELECTION (You will be placed in one class only.)

1st choice \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

I will use the nursery for \_\_\_\_\_ children/ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Please tell us at least 1 week in advance if you need the nursery.

Please send registration form and \$10.00 per adult to the Winchester District Office, 21 S. Kent Street, Winchester, VA 22601. Make your check payable to Winchester District UMC and indicate for Mini School of Missions.

**Winchester District  
Servant Leadership Workshop**

Saturday, August 23, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Bethel UMC in Warrenton

**Who should come?** Congregational leaders (including clergy) both newly elected or currently serving and young (including youth) and old. Until the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, attendance will be limited to Winchester District and following that, it will be opened to Arlington and Alexandria District.

**What is the training?** The training is Bible study emphasizing Matthew 5:1-8 (The Beatitudes). The training is designed less to give techniques for solving contemporary leadership problems and more toward developing the servant leadership style and attitude depicted by Christ. There will be eight talks (concerning aspects of the beatitudes) and discussion following each talk.

**Biblical Dramatizations.** Interspersed among the talks are some dramatizations brought to us by the Reverend Al Horton (well-known across the conference for his moving portrayals of Biblical personalities).

**When is the training?** Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lunch and dinner are included in the \$25 fee.

**Where is the training?** Bethel UMC just outside of Warrenton. From the Winchester area, come east on Interstate 66 to exit 28 toward Warrenton (Route 17 South). From exit 28, go 7.4 miles to Route 628 where you turn left. About one half mile up Route 628, Bethel Church is on the right. For other directions see the website: [www.bethelumc.com](http://www.bethelumc.com) or call 540-347-7288.

**How much does it cost?** The cost will be \$25 per participant to cover the cost of meals and materials. *The deadline for registration is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of August.*

**Do I get any credit for attendance?** For clergy, one CEU is being offered. For lay speakers, an advanced Lay Speaker's certificate is offered.

**How do I make a reservation?** Fill out the attached registration form and send it with your check made payable to Winchester District UMC, ATTN: Servant Leadership Training, 21 S. Kent St., Winchester, VA 22601.

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**Registration for District Servant Leadership Training**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Yes I would like to receive CEU credit.

\_\_\_\_ Yes I would like to receive Advanced Lay Speaker Credit

## Let's Get Growing...

In response to requests, this *Four Seasons Ministry* workshop offered last year is being repeated. Designed for laity and clergy who have a passion and responsibility for evangelism, it will examine biblical mandates and motivation for reaching out to potential new members. Resources, including *Igniting Ministry* media, will be shared. Resource leaders will be Franklin Gillis, Glen Langston, and Mike Shirley.

The workshop will be held **Saturday, August 2** at Front Royal UMC, 1 W. Main St. in Front Royal, and repeated **Tuesday, August 5** at Centenary UMC, 3312 Cedar Lane in Portsmouth. The cost of the retreat is \$49. Registration includes lunch, agenda/worksheets and resources. 1/2 CEU is available. Group rates available for 3 or more from the same church and partial scholarships are available based on need. Call Franklin Gillis, director, for information at (804-272-3313). Electronic registration is available on the web at [www.fourseasonsministry.org](http://www.fourseasonsministry.org).

## DISTRICT CALENDAR



- July**
- 3 District Office Closes at 1 p.m.
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  - 7 UMM Exec. Comm, Dist. Ofc - 7 p.m.
  - 12 Clergy Picnic, Burnt Factory UMC Picnic Shelter, 5-7 p.m.
  - 22 Minister's Day of Re-creation, Strasburg Park - 9 a.m. DCOM, Braddock St. UMC - 10 a.m.
  - 27 District Stewards Mtg, Duncan Memorial, 3 p.m.
  - 25-27 School of Christian Mission (Weekend Session), Blackstone
  - 28-31 School of Christian Mission (Week Session), Blackstone

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**AUGUST**

- 19 Charge Conference Set-up Mtg., Kernstown, 10 a.m.
- 23 Servant Leadership Event, Bethel UMC (Fauquier), 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
- 26 DOCM, Braddock St. UMC - 10 a.m.
- 26 Charge Conference Set-up Mtg., Marshall, 2 p.m..
- 27 DCOOM, Duncan Memorial, 9-11 a.m.
- 29 District Office closes at 1 p.m.

September 1—District Office Closed for Labor Day!



The Tri-District Retreat at Camp Overlook was a time of renewal through fellowship and worship as Rev. David Adams, Secretary of the General Commission, inspired us to move forward in fulfilling the Great Commission as found in Matthew 28:15-18 by employing the principal of *ASK*. Using as a text, Luke 11:9-13, we were invited to Ask, Seek, Knock and receive empowerment to be witnesses of the Grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Having received the Holy Spirit within our lives, we were encouraged to be active in *asking* others to taste and see that the Lord is good, to be about *seeking* others, and to be the one that is *knocking* on the door of our neighbor's heart to invite them to the Savior. The place to be doing this is wherever we find ourselves in contact with another individual and most likely that will NOT be in the confines of a building we call our 'church' but rather out in the world where the harvest is ripe and ready to be brought in.

In addition to your local Church/Fellowship activities, let me give dates and opportunities where you are needed to help out at the District/Conference level during July and August. Watch your emails for updates of these and other activities of the District UMM.

- July 7<sup>th</sup> - District Cabinet/work event 4 - 9 PM at Heart Haven's Home in Winchester
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Camp Rainbow UMMen's Day at Blackstone.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Camp Rainbow UMMen's Day at Blackstone.
- September 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Annual UMMen's Golf Tournament at Bowling Green Country Club.

For more information, call Jim Green at 540-678-0243 or email [winchesterdistrictumm@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterdistrictumm@hotmail.com). May you have a joyful and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July and may the Lord's blessings rest upon you as you *ASK*.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9 (NIV)

Blessings,  
Jim Green

## Clergy Invited to Canoe the Shenandoah

The Clergy Association will host a Minister's Day of Re-creation on Tuesday, July 22, beginning at 9 a.m. The group will canoe the North Fork of the Shenandoah River from Strasburg's Riverfront Park to Front Royal. For more information contact Gary Heaton (540-635-2935) or Jody Osborne (540-465-5433).



# Highlights from Annual Conference

A Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion was the first service of the 226th session of the Virginia Annual Conference, meeting in the Roanoke Civic Center, June 15-18. The Rev. J.P. Hong, senior pastor of Culmore UMC, Arlington District, welcomed the gathering and was the liturgist for the service. The Rappahannock District Youth Choir, under the direction of Aaron Ward, provided special music. The theme of this year's conference is "Let's get growing! More people, more young people, more diverse people. All for Jesus!" with the emphasis this year on more *young* people.



The Rev. Amanda Miller Garber, director of the Wesley Foundation at James Madison University, was the preacher. She based her sermon on Philippians 3:14.



The Rev. Bob Blinn, conference secretary, led the "Naming of The Honored Dead." As each name was read aloud, a bell tolled and a candle was lit.

Bishop Charlene Kammerer led by the service of Holy Communion which was served to all those in attendance.

The Virginia Annual Conference session opened **Monday morning** with the Laity Session while the clergy met in their own session.

The Laity Session was led by Shirley Cauffman, conference lay leader. She told about the many programs in which laity are involved.



Bishop Joe Pennel, former Virginia Conference bishop, led the morning Bible studies and preached the closing sermon.



Bishop Kammerer welcomed conference members by saying "The warmest of welcomes to all of you. This year we should all know that we are focusing on youth and young adult voices, witnesses and presence."

Rachel Smith, who was attending her first annual conference, along with Dr. George Lightner, attending his 74<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual conference, led the opening prayer. George is 99 years young this year" the bishop said.



On **Monday afternoon**, The Rev. Marc Brown presented a video to open the All Things New, Fruitful and Multiplying report, a plan to open and revitalize churches throughout the conference.



Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, resident bishop of the Mississippi Conference, brought the afternoon message.

Fourteen year-old Elizabeth Cumbest, also from Mississippi, shared songs of praise to God which she was moved to write after Hurricane Katrina.



"Deech" Kirk, executive director of the Center for Youth Ministry Training and associate pastor at Brentwood Church in Nashville. said, "Youth want to see the Word of God alive in somebody else's life. Testimonials work. Invite your older gen-

With electric guitars, drums, and keyboard, the band *Crave* from Asbury UMC, Harrisonburg, provided a "rock-and-roll" sound during the ordination processional on **Monday evening**.

During her sermon based on Matthew 9:35-38 and entitled "The Lord of the Harvest", Bishop Kammerer said "Everyone here for ordination has heard a deep calling from God. Jesus has promised a bountiful harvest. "



The bishop's sermon was followed by the licensing of the local pastors (31 persons), the recognition of an associate member (one person), the commissioning of the probationary members (22 persons), and the ordaining of elders (23 persons).

**Tuesday morning** opened with a Bible study led by former Virginia Conference Bishop, Joe Pennel.

Shawn Bakker of the *Advance* presented the conference with an award for having raised more money than any other conference in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. The Virginia Conference ranks number two in the United States in *Advance* giving.

Shirley Cauffman then took the stage to present the Laity Address. She asked people to think of the "What ifs" of the church. For example, "What if the church truly became a place of open hearts, open minds, and open doors?"

Addie Haynes, president of the Conference United Methodist Women, reported on the activities of the women's groups throughout Virginia. The Virginia Conference women are second in the nation in giving.



Larry Burian, president of the conference United Methodist Men, presented his report. This year, United Methodist Men are celebrating 100 years of ministry. There are more chartered UMM units in Virginia than any other conference.



Also on **Tuesday morning**, Marshall Bailey, president of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, thanked the conference for making this year's conference emphasis on youth and young adults. Bailey

then introduced a video that shows how youth are engaged in ministry.

**Bishop Hope Morgan Ward** took the stage at 11:15 in her role of conference preacher. She talked about her grandmother who died when she was only 7, but has a presence in her life to this day. She thanked Bishop Kammerer for her friendship and love.

**Tuesday afternoon** started with a dramatic musical presentation by the youth, followed by a Bible study by Bishop Pennel.

The Rev. Thomas Lee was introduced for the **Kits for Conference** dedication. The members celebrated the fact that monetary donations of \$74,920.61 was collected along with:

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Health Kits - 16,895 | School Kits, 15,257 |
| Sewing Kits, 3,676   | Layettes, 2,388     |
| Flood Buckets, 33    | Bedding, 42         |
| Total 38, 291        |                     |

The total monetary value placed on kits and donations comes to \$598,820.61

The 2008 retirees made their way to the stage for "**A New Commission: Ministry in Retirement.**" Dr. Susan Garrett gave the sermon as she retires from her position as Director of Connectional Ministries for the Virginia Conference.



Both young and old enjoyed the Keith Elgin Band of Christ Church in Fairfax Station as they kicked off the **Tuesday evening** session.

The worship service was planned by eight young clergy and certified professionals of the conference. Marianne Brown greeted the gathering and called the faithful to worship. Carl Perez read the Scripture using Genesis 1:27, 2:18, 2:22 Newly-ordained elder Chris Bennett from the Winchester District brought the message.



Jeanne Torrence Finley of the Board of Church and Society presented Resolution 1 in regard to the "Restoration of Voting Rights." The resolution passed as amended.

Beth Givens, representing the Committee on Resolutions, presented Resolution 2, "A Call for Prison Accountability." The resolution passed as amended.

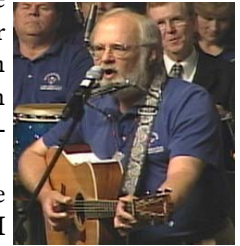
Carol Gaston of the Board of Global Ministries asked that Kristen Holbrook of the board speak to Resolution 3, "Resolution for Ministries of Caring and "Sorrow-Bearing." The resolution passed as amended.



**Wednesday morning** opened with special music from the Sonlight Youth Choir Band from Trinity UMC, Gainesville, Fla.

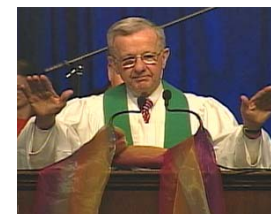
The Rev. Lee Sheaffer and the Rev. Arthur Grant commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church to form the United Methodist Church.

In observation of the 25th anniversary of The **Society of St. Andrew**, Ken Bradford and Jennifer Moore showed a presentation that outlined the history of the society begun by Ken Horne and Ray Buchanan. Horne, is who is retiring this year., was recognized for his leadership. Horne took the stage and said, "This is quite over the top." He thanked Bishop Ken Goodson who didn't mind "strange people with strange ideas," his co-workers, and the Virginia Conference for their support.



Horne then said, "I have three more minutes, and I'm going to burn it the way I want." He picked up his guitar and put on his harmonica and left us with the song, "This Old Road," by Kris Kristofferson.

Anne West, a young adult member of the Site Selection Committee, reported the committee has chosen some later dates in June and weekend dates which would not require as much vacation time for lay members. This was done to encourage more participation by younger people. The report was accepted.



Bishop Joe E. Pennel Jr. led the **closing worship** service. The Sonlight Choir and Band led the music that included music from the rock band U2.

Following the service, Bishop Kammerer led the "holy privilege" of **fixing the appointments**. Each DS was called to the podium to make sure all appointments as printed in Advocate were correct.

The dismissal with blessing was given at 12:20 p.m.

For more information or to hear sermons from the 226th Virginia Annual Conference the conference webpage at [www.vaumc.org](http://www.vaumc.org).



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